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(Wednesday, March 3, 2021)

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 3:00 p.m. and was called to order by Senator Hughes.

RESOLUTION SIGNED

The Presiding Officer announced the signing of the following enrolled resolution in the presence of the Senate: **HCR 49**.

SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

The following bills and resolutions were introduced, read first time, and referred to the committees indicated:

SB 5 by Nichols, Hancock, Perry, West

Relating to the expansion of broadband services to certain areas.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 9 by Paxton, Bettencourt, Buckingham, Campbell, Hall, Hancock, Lucio, Perry, Seliger, Springer

Relating to prohibition of abortion; providing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 11 by Huffman

Relating to the composition of the court of appeals districts.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 12 by Hughes, Bettencourt, Campbell, Kolkhorst, Nelson, Perry, Schwertner, Springer

Relating to the censorship of users' expressions by an interactive computer service.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 15 by Nichols

Relating to the Texas Consumer Privacy Act Phase I; creating criminal offenses; increasing the punishment for an existing criminal offense.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 16 by Nelson, Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Buckingham, Campbell, Creighton, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Miles, Nichols, Paxton, Perry, Powell, Schwertner, Seliger, Springer, Taylor, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini

Relating to prohibitions on the dissemination by a state agency of an individual's personal data.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 18 by Creighton

Relating to authority of the governor and certain political subdivisions to regulate firearms, ammunition, knives, air guns, explosives, and combustibles and certain associated businesses during certain disasters and emergencies.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 21 by Huffman

Relating to rules for fixing the amount of bail, to the release of certain defendants on a bail bond or personal bond, to related duties of a magistrate in a criminal case, to the reporting of information pertaining to bail bonds, and to the regulation of charitable bail organizations.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 25 by Kolkhorst, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Buckingham, Campbell, Creighton, Gutierrez, Hall, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, Lucio, Menéndez, Miles, Nelson, Nichols, Paxton, Perry, Powell, Schwertner, Seliger, Springer, Zaffirini
Relating to the right of certain facility residents to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 26 by Paxton, Buckingham, Campbell, Creighton, Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Nelson, Perry, Schwertner, Springer

Relating to prohibited suspension of laws protecting religious freedom and prohibited closure of places of worship.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 31 by Huffman

Relating to the composition of districts for the election of members of the Texas Senate.

To Committee on Redistricting.

SB 32 by Zaffirini

Relating to a student loan repayment assistance program for certain professionals for exceptional service to the State of Texas during the coronavirus pandemic.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 33 by Zaffirini

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Promise Grant Program for certain students at public institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 34 by Zaffirini

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Promise Grant Program for certain students at two-year public institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 35 by Zaffirini

Relating to the establishment and operation of the Texas B-On-time student loan program; authorizing a fee.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 36 by Zaffirini

Relating to the offense of hazing.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 37 by Zaffirini

Relating to providing free full-day prekindergarten for certain children.

To Committee on Education.

SB 38 by Zaffirini

Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 39 by Zaffirini

Relating to the period of continuous eligibility for the medical assistance program.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 40 by Zaffirini

Relating to the use of telehealth in health professional programs administered by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 41 by Zaffirini

Relating to the consolidation and allocation of state civil court costs; increasing certain civil court costs.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 42 by Zaffirini

Relating to the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 43 by Zaffirini

Relating to residential mortgage loans, including the financing of residential real estate purchases by means of a wrap mortgage loan; providing licensing and registration requirements; authorizing an administrative penalty.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 44 by Zaffirini

Relating to leave for state employees who are volunteers of certain disaster relief organizations.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 45 by Zaffirini

Relating to the prohibition against sexual harassment in the workplace.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 46 by Zaffirini

Relating to the municipal regulation of housing for homeless individuals provided by a religious organization.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 47 by Zaffirini

Relating to protective orders; making conforming changes.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 48 by Zaffirini

Relating to conditions of community supervision for defendants convicted of certain criminal offenses involving animals.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 49 by Zaffirini

Relating to a written report regarding a defendant suspected of having a mental illness or an intellectual disability.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 50 by Zaffirini

Relating to a competitive and integrated employment initiative for certain Medicaid recipients.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 51 by Zaffirini

Relating to the requirement and study of insurance coverage for serious emotional disturbance of a child.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 52 by Zaffirini

Relating to age-appropriate normalcy activities for children in the managing conservatorship of the state.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 53 by Zaffirini

Relating to limitations on pelvic examinations; authorizing disciplinary action, including an administrative penalty.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 54 by Zaffirini

Relating to a study and report by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding best practices for assisting students with autism spectrum disorder.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 55 by Zaffirini

Relating to allowing a person who will be 18 years of age on the date of the general election for state and county officers to vote in the preceding primary elections.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 56 by Zaffirini

Relating to the availability of personal information of a current or former federal prosecutor or public defender.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 57 by Zaffirini

Relating to the period during which an employee may file a claim for unpaid wages with the Texas Workforce Commission.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 58 by Zaffirini

Relating to purchasing of cloud computing services by a political subdivision.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 59 by Zaffirini

Relating to the advertising and promotion of a state purchasing program for local governments.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 60 by Zaffirini

Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for certain firearm safety supplies, including educational materials.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 61 by Zaffirini

Relating to the creation and duties of the unfunded mandates interagency work group.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 62 by Zaffirini

Relating to permitting the Texas Ethics Commission to provide seminars and charge an attendance fee for those seminars.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 63 by Nelson

Relating to the system for appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 64 by Nelson

Relating to a mental health program that includes peer-to-peer counseling for certain law enforcement personnel.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 65 by Miles

Relating to increasing the criminal penalty prescribed for certain acts of official oppression.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 66 by Miles

Relating to the retention of and the required disclosure under the public information law of certain complaints alleging official oppression.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 67 by Miles

Relating to municipal civilian complaint review boards in certain municipalities.
To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 68 by Miles

Relating to a duty for peace officers to intervene and make a report when a peace officer uses excessive force.
To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 69 by Miles

Relating to prohibiting the use of certain techniques when using force to make an arrest or search.
To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 70 by Miles

Relating to use of force reporting by peace officers.
To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 71 by Miles

Relating to law enforcement policies regarding the use of force by peace officers.
To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 72 by Miles

Relating to requiring law enforcement agencies to adopt a policy regarding the discharge of a firearm by a peace officer at or in the direction of a moving vehicle.
To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 73 by Miles

Relating to providing access to local health departments and certain health service regional offices under Medicaid.
To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 74 by Miles

Relating to the contract terms of certain grants awarded by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.
To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 75 by Miles

Relating to the office of minority statistics and engagement in the Department of Family and Protective Services.
To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 76 by Miles

Relating to a limit on cost-sharing requirements imposed by a health benefit plan for certain prescription insulin.
To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 77 by Miles

Relating to discrimination on the basis of hair texture or protective hairstyle associated with race.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 78 by Miles

Relating to a notification requirement if a public school, including an open-enrollment charter school, does not have a nurse, school counselor, or librarian assigned to the school during all instructional hours.

To Committee on Education.

SB 79 by Miles

Relating to a report by a school authority of a communicable disease during a declared state of disaster.

To Committee on Education.

SB 80 by Miles

Relating to the applicability of the death penalty to a capital offense committed by a person with an intellectual disability.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 81 by Miles

Relating to making certain false alarms or reports because of bias or prejudice; increasing a criminal penalty.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 82 by Miles

Relating to job interview restrictions for releasees from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 83 by Miles

Relating to the timely processing of certain requests relating to the employment of a person released on parole or to mandatory supervision.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 84 by Miles

Relating to lethal violence protective orders; creating criminal offenses.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 85 by Miles

Relating to the age of a child at which a juvenile court may exercise jurisdiction over the child and to the minimum age of criminal responsibility.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 86 by Miles

Relating to reporting requirements for bank loans made to African American-owned businesses.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 87 by Miles

Relating to the consideration of the cumulative effects of air contaminant emissions in the emissions permitting process.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 88 by Menéndez

Relating to a special education liaison program and the provision of certain special education services at public school districts.

To Committee on Education.

SB 89 by Menéndez

Relating to supplemental information required for inclusion with a written statement of an individualized education program developed for certain public school students who received special education services during the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year.

To Committee on Education.

SB 90 by Menéndez

Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, transportation, and delivery of medical cannabis for medical use by qualifying patients with certain debilitating medical conditions and the licensing of dispensing organizations and testing facilities; authorizing fees.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 91 by Menéndez

Relating to coverage for serious mental illness under certain group health benefit plans.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 92 by Menéndez

Relating to state, local, and court involvement in determining whether victims and witnesses to an offense and certain detained, arrested, or incarcerated persons are lawfully present in the United States.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 93 by Menéndez

Relating to health benefit coverage for certain fertility preservation services under certain health benefit plans.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 94 by Menéndez

Relating to the eligibility of a relative or other designated caregiver of a foster child for monetary assistance.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 95 by Menéndez

Relating to early voting by mail by any qualified voter.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 96 by Menéndez

Relating to the provision of on-campus mental health services by a school district and reimbursement under Medicaid for certain services provided to eligible students.

To Committee on Education.

SB 97 by Menéndez

Relating to unprofessional conduct by mental health providers who attempt to change the sexual orientation of a child; providing penalties.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 98 by Menéndez

Relating to automatic voter registration on issuance or change of a driver's license or identification card by the Department of Public Safety.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 99 by Menéndez

Relating to participation in the countywide polling place program.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 100 by Menéndez

Relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 101 by Menéndez

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Emergency Aid for Public Postsecondary Students (TEAPPS) grant program for students at public institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 102 by Menéndez

Relating to the enforcement of certain requirements regarding the transfer of course credit between public institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 103 by Menéndez

Relating to the establishment of the Texas First Generation Matching Scholarship Program for certain first generation students at public institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 104 by Menéndez

Relating to the state contribution to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 105 by Menéndez

Relating to the salary paid to classroom teachers employed by public schools.

To Committee on Education.

SB 106 by Menéndez

Relating to a cost-of-living adjustment applicable to certain benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 107 by Powell

Relating to certain claims for benefits, compensation, or assistance by certain public safety employees and survivors of certain public safety employees.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 108 by West

Relating to statements on the impact of legislation on childhood racial disparity.
To Committee on Administration.

SB 109 by West

Relating to the criminal offense of fraudulent securing of document execution.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 110 by West

Relating to extreme risk protective orders; creating criminal offenses.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 111 by West

Relating to certain duties of law enforcement agencies concerning certain information subject to disclosure to a defendant.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 112 by West

Relating to the requirements of an affidavit supporting the installation and use of a mobile tracking device.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 113 by West

Relating to community land trusts.
To Committee on Local Government.

SB 114 by Lucio

Relating to the establishment of a border public health response team.
To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 115 by Lucio

Relating to public health laboratory testing capabilities in certain counties.
To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 116 by Lucio

Relating to the establishment of a border public health initiative by the Department of State Health Services.
To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 117 by Johnson

Relating to the development and implementation of the Live Well Texas program to provide health benefit coverage to certain individuals; imposing penalties.
To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 118 by Johnson

Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 119 by Johnson

Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 120 by Johnson

Relating to the creation of a health insurance risk pool for certain health benefit plan enrollees; authorizing an assessment.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 121 by Johnson

Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women after a pregnancy.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 122 by Johnson

Relating to the award of diligent participation credit to defendants confined in a state jail felony facility.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 123 by Johnson

Relating to the inclusion of social and emotional skills in character trait instruction provided by public schools.

To Committee on Education.

SB 124 by Johnson

Relating to the health literacy advisory committee and health literacy in the state health plan.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 125 by Johnson

Relating to the regulation of hydrofluorocarbons under the Texas Clean Air Act.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 126 by Johnson

Relating to performance standards for certain aboveground storage tanks.

To Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs.

SB 127 by Johnson

Relating to phasing out the tax reduction for certain high-cost gas.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 128 by Johnson

Relating to the creation and elimination of certain state holidays.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 129 by Johnson

Relating to certain statutory changes to reflect and address same-sex marriages and parenting relationships and to the removal of provisions regarding the criminality or unacceptability of homosexual conduct.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 130 by Johnson

Relating to the adoption of the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 131 by Johnson

Relating to authorizing cities to change the date on which their general election for officers is held.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 132 by Johnson

Relating to prohibited retaliation against state or local public employees for reporting certain violations of law.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 133 by Johnson

Relating to a report regarding the fiscal effects of inflation or deflation on certain dollar amounts specified in state statute.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 134 by Johnson

Relating to the determination of an ad valorem tax protest or appeal on the ground of the unequal appraisal of property on the basis of the appraised value of the property relative to the median appraised value of a reasonable number of comparable properties.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 135 by Johnson

Relating to conditions applicable to health benefit plan coverage of in vitro fertilization procedures.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 136 by Johnson

Relating to the use of promotoras and community health workers in Medicaid managed care.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 137 by Johnson

Relating to limitations on pelvic examinations; authorizing disciplinary action, including an administrative penalty.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 138 by Johnson

Relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of public school students.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 139 by Johnson

Relating to notice of the health of children attending a child-care facility.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 140 by Gutierrez

Relating to the regulation of the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, testing, possession, and use of cannabis and cannabis products; authorizing the imposition of taxes and fees; requiring an occupational license; creating a criminal offense; to border security enhancement projects and the creation of a fund to pay for those projects; to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, transportation, and delivery of medical cannabis and the licensing of medical cannabis dispensing organizations.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 141 by Johnson

Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women after a pregnancy.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 142 by Powell

Relating to requiring the state auditor and the State Board of Education to conduct a review of certain assessment instruments administered to public school students.

To Committee on Education.

SB 143 by Powell

Relating to requiring the Texas Workforce Commission to provide certain information regarding the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to claimants for unemployment compensation benefits.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 144 by Powell

Relating to the extension of the expiration of certain parts of the Texas Economic Development Act.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 145 by Powell

Relating to state occupational licensing of certain military veterans and military spouses.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security.

SB 146 by Powell

Relating to student loan repayment assistance for certain nurses employed by a long-term care facility.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 147 by Powell

Relating to the maternal mental health peer support pilot program for perinatal mood and anxiety disorder.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 148 by Powell

Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for certain feminine hygiene products.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 149 by Powell

Relating to the prosecution of the offense of operation of an unmanned aircraft over certain facilities.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security.

SB 150 by Powell

Relating to the procedure for adoption by a state agency of rules that may have an adverse economic effect on small businesses, micro-businesses, and rural communities.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 151 by Johnson

Relating to the criminal penalties for possession or delivery of marihuana and marihuana concentrate.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 152 by Perry

Relating to the regulation of groundwater conservation districts.

To Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs.

SB 153 by Perry

Relating to the exclusion of certain payment processing services from the definition of "data processing service" for purposes of sales and use taxes.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 154 by Perry

Relating to the creation of the broadband office within the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the establishment of a broadband service investment grant program.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 155 by Perry

Relating to the use of information from the lists of noncitizens and nonresidents excused or disqualified from jury service.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 156 by Perry

Relating to the transfer of certain probate proceedings to the county in which the executor or administrator of a decedent's estate resides.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 157 by Perry

Relating to eminent domain reporting requirements for certain entities.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 158 by Perry

Relating to waiving the fee for the issuance of a duplicate, modified, or renewed license to carry a handgun for school marshals.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 159 by Perry

Relating to the use of information obtained by a person from the comptroller that relates to a taxpayer subject to an audit by the comptroller.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 160 by Perry

Relating to certain county road reports.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 162 by Blanco

Relating to a false or misleading statement made to illegally acquire a firearm; creating a criminal offense.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 163 by Blanco

Relating to requiring a national instant criminal background check in connection with certain firearm transfers; creating a criminal offense.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 164 by Blanco

Relating to notice for certain defendants regarding the unlawful possession or acquisition of a firearm or ammunition.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 165 by Blanco

Relating to an exception to dropped course limitations at public institutions of higher education for courses dropped during a disaster that results in a bar or limit on in-person course attendance.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 166 by Blanco

Relating to a limit on cost-sharing requirements imposed by a health benefit plan for certain prescription insulin.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 167 by Blanco

Relating to a limitation on the amount of tuition charged by public institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 168 by Blanco

Relating to active shooter drills conducted by public schools.

To Committee on Education.

SB 169 by Blanco

Relating to eligibility for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security.

SB 170 by Blanco

Relating to a study regarding the feasibility of implementing certain renewable energy standards.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 171 by Blanco

Relating to a report regarding Medicaid reimbursement rates and access to care.
To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 172 by Miles

Relating to electronic voter registration.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 173 by Miles

Relating to the creation of the African American Family Commission.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 174 by Miles

Relating to the inclusion of American principles, including social injustice and civil rights concepts, in the public school curriculum and instructional materials and in training materials and resources for use by school districts.
To Committee on Education.

SB 175 by Miles

Relating to a prohibition on the issuance of a warrant authorizing the use of a no-knock entry by a peace officer.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 176 by Zaffirini

Relating to the award of a grant under the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program to certain students enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program.
To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 177 by Seliger

Relating to the use of individual graduation committees and other alternative methods to satisfy certain public high school graduation requirements.
To Committee on Education.

SB 178 by Lucio

Relating to the employment of certified school counselors by school districts.
To Committee on Education.

SB 179 by Lucio

Relating to the use of public school counselors' work time.
To Committee on Education.

SB 180 by Lucio

Relating to improving training and staff development for primary and secondary educators to enable them to more effectively serve all students.
To Committee on Education.

SB 181 by Johnson

Relating to suspension of a driver's license for persons convicted of certain offenses and the educational program required for reinstatement of a license following certain convictions; authorizing a fine.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 182 by Schwertner

Relating to customer choice for certain municipally owned utilities.
To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 183 by Perry

Relating to emergency medical services subscription programs and reciprocity agreements between certain air ambulance companies operating a subscription program.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 184 by Johnson

Relating to reports on the prevalence of eating disorders and eating disorder-related deaths in this state.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 185 by Perry

Relating to the time for rendering a final order in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship involving the Department of Family and Protective Services.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 186 by Perry

Relating to the authority of a county to issue bonds to restore or maintain a county courthouse.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 187 by Eckhardt

Relating to qualifications and registration of certain voters convicted of a felony.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 188 by Lucio

Relating to abolishing the death penalty.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 189 by Lucio

Relating to certain sentencing procedures in a capital case.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 190 by Hughes

Relating to the procedures and grounds for terminating the parent-child relationship, for taking possession of a child, and for certain hearings in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship involving the Department of Family and Protective Services.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 191 by Johnson

Relating to the use of social determinants of health in the Medicaid managed care program.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 192 by West

Relating to credit toward payment of a fine and costs for certain misdemeanants confined in jail or prison before sentencing.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 193 by Powell

Relating to an audit by the Texas Education Agency of public school professional development training requirements.

To Committee on Education.

SB 194 by Powell

Relating to indicators of achievement under the public school accountability system.

To Committee on Education.

SB 195 by Zaffirini

Relating to grounds for refusal of certain alcoholic beverage licenses and permits.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 196 by Zaffirini

Relating to prohibited relationships between holders of certain alcoholic beverage licenses and permits.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 197 by Nelson

Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for animals adopted from or sold by nonprofit animal welfare organizations.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 198 by Nelson

Relating to the demonstration of weapons proficiency by qualified retired law enforcement officers.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 199 by Nelson

Relating to automated external defibrillators.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 200 by Nelson

Relating to the exclusion of Internet access service from sales and use taxes.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 201 by Schwertner

Relating to the division of the CLL Municipal Utility District No. 1.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 202 by Schwertner

Relating to the payment of certain employer contributions for employed retirees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 203 by Schwertner

Relating to selection of statewide competition locations by the University Interscholastic League.

To Committee on Education.

SB 204 by Schwertner

Relating to the operation of a public school transportation system.

To Committee on Education.

SB 205 by Schwertner

Relating to the distribution of a Medicaid managed care organization's provider network directory.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 206 by Schwertner

Relating to the operation of certain low-powered vehicles.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 207 by Schwertner, Buckingham, Campbell

Relating to recovery of medical or health care expenses in civil actions.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 208 by Bettencourt, Birdwell, Creighton, Hall, Seliger

Relating to a prohibition on the distribution of an application form for an early voting ballot.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 209 by Eckhardt

Relating to the prohibition of certain required nondisclosure and arbitration agreements.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 210 by Eckhardt

Relating to a change of name and sex for certain persons and the issuance of associated vital records and documentation; authorizing a fee.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 211 by Zaffirini

Relating to judicial review of acts by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 212 by Zaffirini

Relating to the making of an anatomical gift.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 213 by Zaffirini

Relating to certain notice requirements and filing requirements in court proceedings involving persons with mental illness.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 214 by Whitmire

Relating to the removal of certain unconstitutional provisions from real property records.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 215 by Bettencourt, Creighton, Hancock, Hughes, Lucio, Nelson, Paxton, Seliger, West, Zaffirini

Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency to investigate the administration of public education.

To Committee on Education.

SB 216 by Johnson

Relating to the regulation of, and taxes imposed on the sale or use of, cigarettes, tobacco products, and e-cigarettes; imposing taxes; requiring a permit; imposing a fee; providing administrative penalties.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 217 by West

Relating to expanding eligibility for medical assistance to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and ensuring the provision of quality care under and the effectiveness of the medical assistance program.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 218 by Johnson

Relating to coverage for certain services relating to postpartum depression under the medical assistance and CHIP perinatal programs.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 219 by Hughes

Relating to civil liability and responsibility for the consequences of defects in the plans, specifications, or related documents for the construction or repair of an improvement to real property.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 220 by Zaffirini

Relating to notice and reporting requirements for vendor rebates under a contract listed on a multiple award contract schedule.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 221 by Zaffirini

Relating to the prima facie speed limit in certain urban districts.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 222 by Hughes

Relating to the removal of certain discriminatory restrictions and provisions from certain real property records.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 223 by Whitmire

Relating to prohibiting law enforcement departments from contracting with television crews to create reality shows.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 224 by Perry, West

Relating to simplified certification and recertification requirements for certain persons under the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 225 by Paxton

Relating to the regulation of child-care facilities and family homes.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 226 by Paxton

Relating to instruction in educator training programs regarding digital learning, virtual learning, and virtual instruction.

To Committee on Education.

SB 227 by Paxton

Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for animals adopted from or sold by animal rescue groups.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 228 by Blanco

Relating to the reimbursement and payment of claims by certain health benefit plan issuers for telemedicine medical services and telehealth services.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 229 by Johnson

Relating to civics instruction in public schools.

To Committee on Education.

SB 230 by Seliger

Relating to the continuing education requirement for county commissioners.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 231 by Seliger

Relating to training for county election officers.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 232 by Johnson

Relating to service of expert reports for health care liability claims.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 233 by Whitmire

Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression; providing an administrative penalty.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 234 by Hall

Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying activities.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 235 by Schwertner

Relating to limitations on increases in fees charged by certain public institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 236 by Schwertner

Relating to the submission of an affordability and access report by public institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 237 by Bettencourt, Johnson

Relating to the issuance of a citation for a criminal trespass offense punishable as a Class B misdemeanor.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 238 by Powell

Relating to the use of the school safety allotment for a school district's pandemic preparation and response.

To Committee on Education.

SB 239 by Powell

Relating to the provision of educational materials regarding disease prevention during a disaster.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 240 by Powell

Relating to authority for certain state employees to work flexible hours and to work from home or other authorized alternative work sites.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 241 by Powell

Relating to permissible uses of the instructional materials and technology allotment.

To Committee on Education.

SB 242 by Eckhardt

Relating to requiring a national instant criminal background check in connection with private firearm transfers; creating a criminal offense.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 243 by Eckhardt

Relating to energy efficiency goals for electric utilities.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 244 by Bettencourt

Relating to the application of the open meetings law to the board of directors of certain tax reinvestment zones.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 245 by Schwertner

Relating to the adequacy and effectiveness of managed care plan networks.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 246 by Alvarado

Relating to electronic voter registration.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 247 by Perry

Relating to discrimination against or burdening certain constitutional rights of an applicant for or holder of a license to practice law in this state.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 248 by Johnson

Relating to the regulation of cigarettes, tobacco products, and e-cigarettes and the administration of taxes imposed on the sale or use of certain of those products; requiring a permit; imposing a fee; providing administrative penalties.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 249 by Schwertner

Relating to business interruption insurance coverage for losses arising from a pandemic.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 250 by Alvarado

Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, transportation, and delivery of medical cannabis for medical use by patients for whom a physician determines medical use is the best available treatment for the patient's medical condition or symptoms and the licensing of medical cannabis dispensing organizations; authorizing fees.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 251 by Paxton, Perry

Relating to prohibited suspension of laws protecting religious freedom and prohibited closure of places of worship.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 252 by Bettencourt

Relating to certain criminal offenses, punishments, and procedures; creating a criminal offense; increasing a criminal penalty.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 253 by Menéndez

Relating to social work services in public schools.

To Committee on Education.

SB 254 by Menéndez

Relating to registration powers of volunteer deputy registrars.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 255 by Menéndez

Relating to liability for obtaining unemployment compensation benefits paid in error.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 256 by Menéndez

Relating to requiring school districts to employ certain educators who retired or resigned because of the coronavirus disease pandemic.

To Committee on Education.

SB 257 by Menéndez

Relating to personal leave provided for a public school employee who tests positive for certain diseases.

To Committee on Education.

SB 258 by Menéndez

Relating to a remote education and distance learning allotment under the Foundation School Program.

To Committee on Education.

SB 259 by Menéndez

Relating to the establishment of a grant program to provide additional resources for public school students with disabilities.

To Committee on Education.

SB 260 by Menéndez

Relating to the administration of assessment instruments in public schools and eliminating the requirement to use public school assessment instruments as a criterion for promotion or graduation or to make certain accountability determinations.

To Committee on Education.

SB 261 by Menéndez

Relating to the repeal of statutes regarding the criminality or unacceptability of homosexual conduct and to the recognition of certain same-sex relationship statuses.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 262 by Menéndez

Relating to training requirements and prohibited discrimination for child-care facilities and registered family homes.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 263 by Menéndez

Relating to the ability of certain relative caretakers of dependent children to receive supplemental financial assistance and be assigned as protective payees for financial assistance payments.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 264 by Menéndez

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Research Consortium to Cure Infectious Diseases (TRANSCEND); authorizing the issuance of bonds.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 265 by West

Relating to the prohibition of housing discrimination on the basis of a person's source of income and to the enforcement of that prohibition.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 266 by West

Relating to the authority of the commissioners court of a county to adopt an exemption from ad valorem taxation by the county of a portion, expressed as a dollar amount, of the appraised value of an individual's residence homestead.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 267 by Kolkhorst

Relating to the right of certain facility residents to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 268 by West, Miles

Relating to acceptable forms of identification for voting.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 269 by West

Relating to the regulation of the cultivation, manufacture, processing, distribution, sale, testing, transportation, delivery, transfer, possession, and use of cannabis and cannabis products and the allocation of tax revenue derived from cannabis and cannabis products; authorizing the imposition of fees; requiring an occupational license; creating a criminal offense.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 270 by Perry

Relating to civil liability of a nursing facility resident's responsible payor for misappropriation of the resident's funds.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 271 by Perry

Relating to applicants for employment at assisted living facilities.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 272 by West

Relating to requiring the board of trustees of each school district to create a nonvoting student trustee position on the board.

To Committee on Education.

SB 273 by Hinojosa

Relating to the expiration of the health care provider participation program administered and operated by the Nueces County Hospital District.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 274 by Hinojosa

Relating to state recognition of the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 275 by Hinojosa

Relating to the use of an entity name that falsely implies governmental affiliation.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 276 by Hinojosa

Relating to notice of an infectious disease occurring in an animal shelter and the quarantine of certain infectious animals at the shelter.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 277 by Hinojosa

Relating to health benefit plan coverage of epinephrine auto-injectors for certain individuals.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 278 by Hinojosa

Relating to the administration of navigation districts.

To Committee on Ports.

SB 279 by Hinojosa

Relating to the inclusion of suicide prevention information on certain student identification cards issued by a public school or public institution of higher education.
To Committee on Education.

SB 280 by Hinojosa

Relating to the composition and duties of the capital and forensic writs committee.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 281 by Hinojosa

Relating to the use of hypnotically induced testimony in a criminal trial.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 282 by Alvarado

Relating to a prohibition against the appropriation of money to settle or pay a sexual harassment claim made against certain members of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of state government.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 283 by Alvarado

Relating to requiring a person convicted of an offense involving family violence or a person who is the subject of a family violence protective order to surrender firearms owned by the person.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 284 by Seliger

Relating to a study of out-of-state physicians who practiced in this state during the COVID-19 pandemic.
To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 285 by West

Relating to the administration of and certain procedures under the Title IV-D program for child support enforcement.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 286 by West

Relating to suits affecting the parent-child relationship and the calculation and enforcement of child support.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 287 by West

Relating to voter registration application forms in high schools.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 288 by Seliger

Relating to preventing the loss of benefits by certain retirees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas who resume service.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 289 by Seliger

Relating to excused absences from public school for certain students to obtain a driver's license or learner license.

To Committee on Education.

SB 290 by West

Relating to public access to personal financial statements filed by public officials and candidates.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 291 by Schwertner

Relating to the posting of certain project information at a commercial building construction site.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 292 by Johnson

Relating to supportive palliative care services.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 293 by Perry

Relating to the practice of chiropractic.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 294 by Perry

Relating to reports on abortions performed at an abortion facility.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 295 by Perry

Relating to the confidential and privileged communications and records of victims of certain sexual assault offenses.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 296 by Perry

Relating to the date by which a seller must provide resale and exemption certificates to the comptroller in connection with a sales and use tax audit.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 297 by Perry

Relating to the criminal history record information requirement for applicants for renewal of a license issued by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 298 by Hancock

Relating to the pickup and delivery of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 299 by Hinojosa

Relating to the determination of prescription drug reimbursement amounts under the Medicaid vendor drug program.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 300 by Hinojosa

Relating to eligibility for the exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of certain first responders.

To Committee on Finance.

SCR 1 by Johnson

Expressing opposition to the enactment or enforcement in Texas of a law, under a federal mandate, that automatically suspends the driver's license of an individual who is convicted of certain offenses.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SJR 11 by Zaffirini

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SJR 12 by Zaffirini

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing certain persons under the age of 18 to vote in a primary election.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SJR 13 by Zaffirini

Proposing a constitutional amendment abolishing daylight saving time in Texas.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SJR 14 by Johnson

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SJR 15 by Alvarado

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SJR 16 by Eckhardt

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize and regulate the possession, cultivation, and sale of cannabis.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SJR 17 by Menéndez

Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of the Texas Research Consortium to Cure Infectious Diseases (TRANSCEND) and authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund collaborative research on and development of infectious disease treatments and cures for humans.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SJR 18 by West

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the commissioners court of a county to adopt an exemption from ad valorem taxation by the county of a portion, expressed as a dollar amount, of the appraised value of an individual's residence homestead.

To Committee on Local Government.

SJR 19 by Kolkhorst

Proposing a constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SJR 27 by Hancock

Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting a religious service conducted by a religious organization.

To Committee on State Affairs.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Memorial Resolution

SR 115 by Lucio, In memory of the life of Monte Dwain Allen.

Congratulatory Resolutions

SR 112 by Nelson, Recognizing those who contributed to distribution of COVID-19 vaccine at the Texas Motor Speedway.

SR 114 by Eckhardt, Congratulating Raishad and Lisa Maharaj on the birth of their son, Miles Hudson Maharaj.

SR 116 by Springer, Recognizing Windthorst High School Trojans football team for winning a state championship.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 3:56 p.m. adjourned, in memory of Richard James McGowan and Larry L. Fowler, until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

APPENDIX

RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED

March 3, 2021

SR 112, SR 114, SR 115, SR 116

